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Title: DEVICE FOR DETECTING A CHEMICAL ELEMENT BY PHOTOEXCITATION			

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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January 3, 2001

Dear Sir:

The above-identified international application is entering the National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 simultaneously herewith. Kindly amend the application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS

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8. (Once Amended) Device according to [any of the claims 1 to 7] claim 1, characterised in that it also comprises an enclosure to receive said sample.

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9. (Once Amended) Device according to [any of the claims 2 to 8] claim 8, characterised in that the enclosure is smaller than the acoustic wavelength at excitation frequency.

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10. (Once Amended) Device according to [any of the claims 2 to 8] claim 8, characterised in that the enclosure is of such dimension as to accommodate the acoustic modes resonating at excitation frequency.

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